

MYSTERY ENTERS INTO TINKER CASE

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"WHITE HOPES" IN ACTION TO-NIGHT

R. Edgren's COLUMN

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AM LANGFORD, HAVING WHIPPED Joe Jeannette in a twenty-round bout in Paris, is now hailed as heavyweight champion of the world—in France. If Sam comes back here and tries to work off that championship stuff we'll have to remind Sam that he met a gentleman commonly referred to as "The Gunner," or "Gunboat" Smith, in Boston town. Sam isn't champion of the world in Boston.

In England, quite naturally, the only world's champion is Carpentier, the French boy who whips English Champion Bombardier Wells whenever he hasn't any real work on hand.

Gunboat Smith will do well enough for a champion around here in America, at least until some one else shows that he can whip the Gunner. Gunboat has no rival, or will have none if he disposes of Pelky. He has beaten Moran, Willard, Rodol, Wells, Miller and many others. His victory over Sam Langford was the greatest far handed the dopesters in "yabs and yabs." That little thing alone gives him every right in the world to be regarded as champion of America. Langford was the best black fighter in the country. Any man who can use Langford, Willard, Moran and what not as a consolation meal ticket, is good enough for us.

Down in Australia there have been Smith all ribbed up as a champion because Dave whipped Bill Lang, heavyweight champ of Australia. They think Dave will just take a turkey through the list of hopes, and are negotiating with Gunboat Smith to come to Australia to fight him for the title.

FRIENDS OF KID CARTER will be glad to hear that the great old-timer is still very much on earth. A letter from the "Kid":

"Just a few lines to let you know I'm well and fine. I have a young fellow by the name of Frank McDermott who has won the 145-pound class for the Y. M. C. A., and I think I have discovered a welterweight champion. I have him working out here on the quiet with Bob Dillon, my former trainer, and I don't want to say too much about him, but I do believe he can outpoint Mike Gibbons in a ten-round bout. Your old friend, KID CARTER, Former Middleweight Boxer."

GOV. TENNER says that he intends to keep all of last year's umpires. "Bright baseball men tell me the umpires are the best in the business," said the Governor. "Such men as Fred Clarke, Miller Huggins and George Stallings have told me that the officials in the league last year were good, and so long as the men actively engaged in the game on the field are satisfied that is some assurance that the judges of the game are pretty near competent. Of course, I shall also be bound to consider with the umpires myself and endeavor to pair them off in the best way." Gov. Tenner played golf all day Friday and Saturday with Pop Anson at Harrisburg. Gov. Tenner pitched on the Chicago team when Anson was manager and the team was known as "Anson's Colts." Anson is doing a little theatrical work in Pittsburgh this week, and the Governor is to sit in a box at his performance to-night.

In Australia they call light-heavyweight boxers "cruster-weight" men. This has been officially adopted by the boxing authorities there. "Cruster weight," they explain, stands to the heavyweight in the same position as a cruster to a battleship.

To prevent confusion we'd better change "Gunboat" Smith to "Battleship" Smith. He's no cruster.

SAYS THE SPIDER SUN: "The New Yorker, Harry Stone, came to Australia to get a vacation. He has got it. In his first match he made a mess of the once brilliant lightweight, Rock Kays. Now he has two victories over Johnny Summers, the English welterweight champion, and Johnny was well beaten each time. Stone is extraordinarily fast, with some unorthodox but cunning methods, showing amazing speed and agility. He punished Summers a whole lot, and the English champion, while fighting with great resource and plenty of ginger, could hardly get a glove on him. Stone is a star lightweight, although he came here without much American boom. He is to be matched with Matt Wells."

COACH HAUGHTON OF HARVARD says the forward pass is "an ineffective weapon of offense."

Four big Eastern teams played four big Western teams during the football season just past. The Eastern teams did not know how to use the forward pass; the Western teams did. The Western teams won every game.

West Point was considered outclassed by the powerful Navy team, playing Eastern football. A couple of weeks' coaching in the forward pass technique, and West Point beat the Navy team with ease.

To us the forward pass looks like the solar plexus punch of football.

JACK JOHNSON, HAVING "BROKEN HIS ARM" in boxing ten rounds with Jim Johnson, a large colored person with the most magnificent physique in the world and a glass jaw, now announces that he won't fight Mike Moran in February, but he may possibly consider the convenience of a match in May or June, or some time or other.

Moran will probably fight Langford and try to avenge Jeannette, with whom he has been training.

Nathan Straus apparently made a good deal when he purchased Fair Maiden, which won the Championship Cup of the Standardbred Association on the second of the fall. Yesterday Mr. Straus was on the Speedway with Fair Maiden and Denver, his two gray geldings. He was unable to make a match with any of the horses, so he decided to race Denver against Fair Maiden.

Four children beat the big gray in two out of three heats. The mare was driven by her former owner, L. J. Hunt, while the driver, Mr. Straus's trainer, held the reins on Denver. Mr. Straus's new acquisition had little difficulty in dispatching her stable mate. The two heats she won were by good margins.

The St. Antonio Athletic Club staged the cross-country races yesterday over the Brown hills. One was a ten-mile run the other was at three and a quarter miles. P. S. S. of the Irish-American Athletic Club proved best in the long race. He outran more than one hundred prominent cross-country runners and won by more than 100 yards.

In the shorter race Frank Westover of the Irish-American A. C. was returned the victor. He outdistanced his opponents and won by 100 yards.

By defeating the Rangers by the score of three goals to none at Marguette Oval in Brooklyn yesterday afternoon the Brooklyn team found their way into the third round of the United States of American Football Association's cup tie.

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Manager Robinson of Dodgers Says Tinker's Demands Are Unreasonable

President Ebbets Expected Home To-Day and Maybe He'll Shd a Little Light on the Mysterious Element That Has Entered Into the Star Shortstop Case.

The element of mystery, without which no good baseball deal is complete, has entered into the Joe Tinker case. When President Ebbets of the Dodgers returns to this city to-day he may be able to shed a little light on the subject, but just at present the status of the deal remains just as it did Saturday when Ebbets visited Garry Herrmann, president of the Reds, at Cincinnati, paid him a check of \$15,000 for the star shortstop and promised to sell him Pitcher Earl Yinging and Outfielder Herbert Moran.

Ebbets was to have met Tinker at Indianapolis yesterday, but instead sent his new manager, Wilbert Robinson, there. When Tinker learned that the ruddy-faced Brooklyn president wouldn't be on hand he didn't leave Chicago. However, Robby and Tinker had a talk over the long distance phone, at the conclusion of which the Brooklyn leader declared the star shortstop's proposition for signing was unreasonable.

It is believed that Robby offered Tinker a three-year contract at \$5,000 a year, but Tinker couldn't see it for a minute. Of course, Tinker will get the promised bonus of \$10,000 any way, as soon as he signs a Brooklyn contract, but it is said that he also wants a three-year contract at \$7,500 a year, the same salary which he received as manager of the Reds last season.

Jack Coombs, the famous pitcher of the Athletics, is now on his way to his home in West Kennelburg, Pa., where he will rest until next June, when he will join his team in Philadelphia. Coombs won't go South to the training camp in the spring, but will spend all the time on his farm regaining his lost strength. Coombs lost a great deal of weight and a sixteenth of an inch in height during his long stay of illness, but he says he expects to be just as good as ever next season.

Gov. Tener of Pennsylvania, the new President of the National League, spent yesterday playing golf with Pop Anson, one of the owners in Pittsburgh. Tener announced that he is going to retain the old set of umpires next year.

Morton F. Plant is going to treat the ball players of his New London, Eastern Association, team in his league style next season. He has arranged for them to train at Tampa, Fla., and among other things they will travel all the way to the camp and back in a private car. Some class for bush leaguers, eh?

Manager Robinson of the Dodgers is looking for a man to act in the same capacity in which he worked for Moran of the Giants. What he wants is an assistant to coach the youngsters, and he will try to secure Kid Gleason of the White Sox or Duke Farrell, the veteran catcher.

According to a Chicago Inter-viewer, Tinker thinks well of Manager Robinson of the Red-

gers, and he believes that he will prove successful. Tinker considers Cuthbert a crack second baseman, and he believes that he will be able to work with him so as to pull off as many double plays as he and Evers used to consummate in Chicago.

C. W. Murphy is going to try to take advantage of Charlie Herzog's inexperience as a manager. The Cub boss is scheduled to make a trip to Cincinnati to-day for the purpose of proving a trade with the ex-Giant infielder. Murphy wants to give Outfielder Leach and coach for Marana, the Cuban outfielder. It's not likely that Herzog will fail for any such trade.

King Cole, once a Cub star, and drafted from Columbus by the New York Americans, was the "iron man" of the American Association last season. He took part in forty-six games, winning twenty-three and losing eleven. He stood sixth in the percentage column.

In spite of the fact that the Federal outlaw league has declared that the reserve clause incorporated in the organized players' contracts is illegal and won't stand up in court, that organization has used the same clause in its contracts that it has sent out for next season.

Ed Hanton, the famous manager, is expected to visit here this week in an effort to interest local capital in organizing a Federal League club in this city.

Another deal is reported to be impending between the Giants and the Cardinals. At the time that Larry McLean was bought from St. Louis last season and Otto Cranford brought back after having been sent to the Cards, it was said that Manager McGraw owned Manager Huggins an outfielder. It is likely that either Jim Thorpe, Claude Cooper or Dave Robertson will be sent to the Mount City.

Already there is great rivalry springing up between the Dodgers and the Highlanders over their five-game series next spring. Both sides are confident of victory and it is likely that instead of splitting the gate receipts on the usual fifty-fifty basis that the winner will receive sixty and the loser only per cent.

Winners of To-Night's Bouts to Meet on Jan. 12

Flynn Faces Rodol and Coffey Clashes With Levinsky in "White Hope" Show.

By John Pollock.

LOCAL fight fans will have an opportunity of seeing four "white hopes" battle for supremacy in two ten-round bouts at the Garden A. C. to-night. Billy Gibson, at first, was not in favor of staging any more contests between heavyweights in the Garden, but as the four big fellows that he has secured for to-night's scrap have all put up game battles in their previous encounters at local clubs, he decided to pair them off and to match the winner of each set for a fight on Jan. 12. The fighters who will meet in the two contests this evening are Battling Levinsky vs. Jim Coffey, the Dublin Giant, and Jim Flynn, the Pueblo Fireman, vs. George Rodol, the heavyweight champion of South Africa.

A bout was clinched to-day between Jack Britton of Chicago and Joe Hurst of Philadelphia, who recently stood off Mike Gibbons in a six-round go in Philadelphia. Jack McGuigan matched them over the long distance telephone to try conclusions in a six-round contest at a special show of the National A. C. of Philadelphia on New Year's afternoon.

Feeling that he has been unjustly treated by the State Athletic Commission of Wisconsin, who recently suspended him for a year for not putting up as fast a battle with Jack Britton as they expected, Packey McFarland now declares that he will appeal to Gov. Johnson of Wisconsin to have his suspension annulled on the ground that he was not given a hearing by the commission.

Another foreign fighter has just arrived in this country in search of bouts. He is Emil Dominick, whose right name is Argentea Demetris. He hails from Austria, is a welterweight and was a passenger on the steamship La Lorraine, which reached here from Havre yesterday. Demetris is twenty-seven years old and is five feet ten inches in height.

Jack Dillon of Indianapolis, who is one of the toughest middleweights in the business and who has won many battles, this year, has signed articles of agreement calling for his last fight with Charlie, the Western fighter, in a ten-round bout at a boxing show to be brought off at Indianapolis on the afternoon of New Year's Day.

Young Fox, the bantamweight champion of England, will make his first appearance in a bout in this country to-night. He will have for his opponent Joe Mooney, the fast little west side bantamweight. This go will be decided at Madison Square Garden and will be certain rather to the two ten-round battles between the heavyweights, Jim Flynn and George Rodol and Battling Levinsky and Jim Coffey.

Dave Smith, the Australian middleweight champion, who is matched to meet Eddie McGoorty, the American middleweight, for twenty rounds at Sydney, Australia, on Boxing Day, Dec. 26, ought to give the latter a great battle, as he has won his last five fights in Australia, including a victory over Bill

Wants New Service Rule, Which Would Handicap the American Players.

England has undertaken the task of revising the international rules governing the Davis Cup. The officials of the English lawn tennis association, who are now in London yesterday, desire to establish a new service rule, to regulate the sort of playing surface on which the cup matches may properly be decided, and to establish the indisputable nationality of any player who may be named as a member of a competing cup team.

Subjects of vital interest to Americans, and in connection with the future of the Davis Cup, were discussed at the recent meeting of the English association.

The British have undertaken the task of assuming the role of lawn tennis arbiters for the world, and they propose to offer the new rules for adoption at the meeting of the International Federation, which will be held in Paris next March.

The service rule which the English propose is an echo of the great match at Wimbledon last July, in which the German and Frenchmen, Maurice E. McLoughlin, R. Norris Williams and Wallace F. Johnson was defeated. The adoption of the rule would seriously handicap Americans and the Germans and Frenchmen.

The rule as framed follows: The server shall, before commencing to serve, stand with both feet at rest on the ground behind (further from the net than) the base line, and within the limits of the imaginary continuation of the half court court line, and the line and from such position shall deliver the service; but the server may raise one

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Wheatley Hills Club Building Two Distinct 9-Hole Courses at East Williston.

The Wheatley Hills Golf Club is the name of a club just organized, and it will be located at East Williston, Long Island. Twenty golfers formed the club and it is their intention to have a playing membership limited to three hundred. Considerable progress has already been made on the new links, which, when completed, will consist of two distinct nine-hole courses. The officers of the club are: Richard W. Turner, President; George H. Lowden, Secretary; and Hugh E. O'Reilly, Treasurer. The Board of Governors are Fred W. Westlake, Eugene Van Schaick, Wilson B. Brice and George Woolston.

The nine-hole links will be divided by the Long Island Motor Parkway, though there will be no interruption by pedestrians or vehicles. Provision has been made for crossing the parkway by means of an archway underneath.

The land is a combination of hills and levels, peculiarly adapted to golf. Players who wish to cover only nine holes may take their choice, for the first and tenth tees are near the clubhouse; likewise the ninth and eighteenth greens. The complete course will be more than 4,000 yards long.

Vardon and Ray, the crack English golf players, are said to have carried back home with them close to \$10,000 which they realized during their stay here. The stars of the diamond have also taken up the sport, and Mathewson, Cliff Bender, Merkle and Cobb play the game with chance they get. Matty is out on the links every day in California, where he is spending the winter.

The Country Club of Havana will hold its second annual tournament on Feb. 10 and 11, and immediately following another meeting of the invitation variety will be run off. Later in the season there probably will be smaller tournaments.

The new course at Ansley Park, Atlanta, has been finished and it is expected that the new links will be opened in the South will make an inspection of it. In the spring the links will be turned over to the Ansley Park Golf Club. At present they are being used as a public affair.

There is a merry war going on in the West over the Western amateur championship tournament for next year. It seems that there are three applicants for the privilege: the Kent Country Club of Grand Rapids; the Omaha Country Club and the Mayfield Country Club, of Cleveland. These three clubs will send their respective claims at the annual meeting of the Western Golf Association in Chicago on Jan. 11.

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